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Intimations.

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A. WATSON & Co., Limited,
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.
ANALYTICAL,
FAMILY, DISPENSING AND
GENERAL OPHTHALMISTS.
EQUIPMENT,
PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS,
SEEDSMEN,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.

STEAM MACHINERY,
CIGAR IMPORTERS, &c., &c.

In introducing an abridged Synopsis of a few of the chief lines of goods included in our business, we beg to state that we import Drugs, Chemicals, and Goods of every kind in the description only—no other quality is kept in stock.

Our long experience and intimate acquaintance with the Trade, and the best sources of supply, enable us to purchase direct from the Producers on the very best terms, and thus give us an advantage which enables us to offer our constituents the benefit of a considerable reduction in the price of all our Specialities as compared with similar articles sold elsewhere.

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Experienced qualified English Assistants only are employed in the preparation and dispensing of Medicines.

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AND OTHER GOODS AND APPLIANCES
KEPT IN STOCK.

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REQUISITES.

Infants' Feeding Bottles, Ditto Brushes and Teats, Food Warmers, Lamps, and Night-lights.

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APPLIANCES, &c.

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Chemical, Clinical, and Bath Thermometers.

Six's Minimum and Maximum Thermometers, Alcoholometers, Barometers, Galvanometers, Hydrometers, Lactometers, Urinometers, Specific Gravity Bottles, Flasks, Test Tubes, Test Papers, &c., &c.

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Medicine Chests for family and travellers' use.

Ship's Medicine Chests, fitted in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Trade.

Medicine Chests refitted complete at a few hours' notice.

Medicine Chest Guides containing a list of useful Domestic Medicines with their Properties and Doses.

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Magneto-Electric Machines for the Cure of Nervous Diseases, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, &c.

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We always have on hand a varied assortment of those kinds in most general demand.

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We import regular supplies of Pure Fresh Calf Lymph by every Mail from England.

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Earthenware for ordinary Domestic Purposes.

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Cosmetics, Hair Lotions and Pomades.
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A large selection of all kinds kept in stock to choose from.

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European and American Patent Medicines, Specialities and Proprietary Remedies imported direct from the Original Makers of their appointed Agents.

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We invite attention to our fine old landed Brandy, all of which are of excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

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Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Tubes, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Pouches, Cigarette Machines, and a varied assortment of Smokers' Requisites.

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Whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

Most articles can now be sent by the local Parcel Post. All retail orders of the value of five dollars and upwards are sent freight or postage paid.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegraph receive prompt attention.

Address: Envelopes. Order Forms, and Aerated Water Counterfoils supplied on application.

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THE DISPENSARY, TANKOW,
THE DISPENSARY, TIENTSIN,
LONDON OFFICE.

109, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE LAWN TENNIS MATCHES,
HONGKONG & STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
will take place on MONDAY and TUESDAY
NEXT, the 27th and 28th instant,
commencing at 3 p.m. (Doubles on Mon-
day, Singles on Tuesday).

The CRICKET GROUND being required for
the Match "UNITED SERVICES v. STRAITS
SETTLEMENTS," the Tennis Match will, by
invitation of H. E. the GOVERNOR, take
place in the Grounds at Government House
—which will be open to all who desire to
witness the Matches. The best of 5 sets
to decide each event.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hongkong, C. C.

Hongkong, January 23, 1890. 148

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

A GENERAL MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the
HONGKONG HOTEL, on WEDNESDAY,
the 29th of January, 1890, at 4 p.m.

K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1890. 98

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Mails.



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CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths
NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND
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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
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DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
A Splendid Collection of the Latest London
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This ESTABLISHMENT is situated in a most
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Hongkong, August 30, 1889. 1882

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& Co.; MESSRS. KELLY & WALB (Ld.); and
Mr. W. BEEBE; and at the China Mail
Office.

Hongkong, November 4, 1889. 2113

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1453

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

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(Formerly APPRENTICE AND LAT-
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and American patients and friends,
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NOW HAS
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CONSULTATION FREE.

Hongkong, January 18, 1890. 122

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR
CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would
materially aid the SENATE of the
COLLEGE by forwarding to the AIXON
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes).
(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the
Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to JAMES CANTLIE,
Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, August 17, 1888. 1317

NOW READY.

VOLUNTEERS AND THE DEFENCE
OF HONGKONG.

A SKETCH.

PRICE, — FIFTY CENTS.

To be had at MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD
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August 14, 1889. 1582

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Commercial intelligence, special tables of
Shipping, and other information.

The various Reports of Courts and Meetings,
and all other news are given, in full as

they appear in the Daily issue.

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with residents who wish to send home a

weekly budget of the news of Hongkong

and the Far East. Circulating, as it does,
among nearly all the old China hands

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Treaty Ports and in the interior, it offers

special advantages to advertisers.

Shipping Orders will be granted till

Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m. on
the 4th February, 1890. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 22, 1890. 133

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

ALSO

LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th February,

1890, the 10th of the Company's S.S.

IRANIA, D.D., Commandant BERTIN,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECKS,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and to
be copied in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till

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Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Hesperia, Capt. L. NADEN,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignments of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
parties by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their goods from
alongside.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
4 p.m. To-day.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the godowns of the Hong-
kong, Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.
Ltd., and stored at Consignee's risk and ex-
pense.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 26th inst.
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods
are to be left in the godowns, where they
will be examined on the

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1890. 129

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

THE INDIAN IMPERIAL MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT MARINE RISKS at
Current Rates.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 4, 1889. 2113

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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THE CHINA MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific's *Caribou* left Vancouver for Japan, &c., on the 21st Jan.

The *Shire* Line's *Carmarthenshire*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 18th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 26th Jan.

The *Glen* Line steamship *Glenaray*, from London, left Singapore on Jan. 19th, and may be expected here on or about the 27th Jan.

The steamship *Arratoon Ascar*, left Singapore on the 18th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 27th Jan.

The *N. G. I. a. Bisagno*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 24th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 1st Feb.

The *s.s. Moray*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 25th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Feb.

The *O. S. S. Co.*'s steamer *Larkee*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 25th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Feb.

The *O. S. S. Co.*'s steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the 23rd Jan., and is due here on the 2nd Feb.

The *P. & O. Co.*'s extra steamer *Lombardy* left Bombay for this port on the 14th Jan., at 4 p.m.

The *P. & O. Co.*'s extra steamer *Bombay* left London for this port on the 23rd Dec.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Matins.—Veni, Reignde; Psalms, Bicker, Armes, Green and Helmore; The Deum, Bunnett in E flat, No. 132; Jubilate, Garrott in F, No. 87; Athos, 'Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts' (Stainer); Litany; Hymn, 229; Offertory, 200.

Evensong.—Psalms, Croft, Littleton, Dupuis & Barnby; Magnificat, Battishill; Name Dimitis, Monk; Hymns, 83, 265 & 24.

A CHINESE Detective was to-day committed for trial at the Supreme Court on a charge of extortion under colour of office.

MESSRS. JARDINE, MATTHESON AND CO. inform us that the *s.s. Moray*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port this morning.

MESSRS. CARLOWITZ & CO. inform us that the *N. G. I. a. Bisagno*, from Bombay, left Singapore yesterday, and is due here on or about 1st February.

THE Agent of the *O. & S. S. Co.* informs us that the steamer *Belice*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 7th instant, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

The Japanese who were arrested in connection with the fight on board the *Fusiki Maru* were brought before the Police Court this afternoon. After hearing further evidence, the Magistrate discharged some of the men, allowed others, who were apparently not the leaders, out on bail, and remanded the case for a week.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing from Macao to the *Extreme Oriente*, says that the 1st and 2nd Companies of the Macao Police Force are now supplied with repeating rifles of 8 m.m. (K.) w/886, instead of the Remingtons formerly in use, and the obsolete Remingtons will shortly be sent to Timor, by the *Rio Livre*, which will leave Macao for that port in a few days. The correspondent says that the system of sending to Timor anything obsolete and useless at Macao is a bad one; besides, Timor is under the circumstances, perhaps in more need of better materials than Macao.—The Government is going to send for a steam fire-extinguishing machine.

THE half-yearly official test of the brakes attached to the cars of the High Level Tramway Company took place to-day. Everything passed off satisfactorily, and each car was brought up within about 20 feet after the brake was let go. The speed of the cars was then about fifty per cent in excess of the ordinary speed, and the extra strain was considered by the General Managers and all concerned to be very satisfactory. In attempting, however, to unscrew one of the brakes of the second car—after the test had been made—it was found that the brake had been screwed up so tightly that it was almost impossible to undo it. After one of the heavy spanners had been broken and another bent in the attempt to undo it, one of the couplings gave way. This, of course, necessitates a slight delay for repairs, which are expected to be effected to-night. The Government inspectors, however, have stipulated that the new coupling must be tested before the traffic is resumed, and the cars will not run until this test has been applied.

As the public safety appears to be fully provided for, it is to be hoped the Government will also consider the public convenience in this matter.

ANOTHER interesting profit-sharing experiment is to be tried. In a new Company—James Tucker (Limited)—which is to be established at Cardiff to carry on a large mining enterprise there, to be known as 'Foulden's Mines,' of which perhaps we have had rather too much lately, but 'Walesmen's Shares.' These shares are to be vested in trustees, and they will be entitled to one-twentieth of the net dividend.

The income is to be devoted towards improving the condition of the workmen, employed by the firm in the way of sick funds, accident funds, superannuation fund, and the like. The originator of the scheme is Mr. James Luskin, the chairman of the company, who believes that the shareholders will derive ample compensation for the sacrifice of part of their profits by the increased stability and security which will be given to their relations with the labourers. It is to be hoped that Trade-Union agitators will allow a fair trial to be given to this novel and interesting experiment.—*St. James's Gazette*.

MESSRS. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE inform us that the *O. S. S. Co.*'s steamships *Larkee* and *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port to-day.

DIVINE SERVICE FOR SEAMEN.—On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the British flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pennant C., to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

If you have taken shares in a new company on the strength of which statements contained in the prospectus, you will not receive damages from the directors unless you can show that they intended to deceive you and that you were in fact deceived by them. But if you discover the deception before you have paid for the shares in full, you can remove your name from the list of shareholders and escape liability as to future calls. So it has been decided by Mr. Justice Kay for the benefit of Mr. Wainwright, late a shareholder in the Metropolitan Coal Consumers' Association, who had been induced to invest his money because he read the names of certain eminent and honourable men on the list of the members of the council. But it appears that, although they had consented to act in this capacity, they had not been appointed when their names were published in the prospectus. They have, in fact, withdrawn from the council, and Mr. Wainwright and his fellow shareholders would do well, before they part with their money in consequence, which they do not understand, to require some further guarantee of its stability than the name of gentlemen who are dedicated to supporting it.—*St. James's Gazette*.

NEWSPAPER MISTAKES.—In Dublin recently, Chief Baron Falton gave judgment on the application for a new trial of the libel action against the *Irish Times* by Mr. Matthew Harris, M.P., who had been awarded £1,000 damages, the *Irish Times* having incorrectly reported, by the omission of the word 'not,' that Delaney had deposed that Mr. Harris was an Invincible. The Chief Baron held that the damages were excessive, and granted a new trial unless the plaintiff agreed to accept £200, including the £50 paid into court. Baron Dowen concurred, and said the damages were not only excessive but profligate. Mistakes were often occurred in papers, and an instance arose in reference to himself. Addressing a Cork jury, he quoted the well-known line from *Tennyson's 'Locksley Hall'*, 'Bitter fifty years of Europe, than a cycle of *Cathay*.' What was his horror to find himself reported in a local paper as having said, 'Bitter fifty years of Europe than a circus in *Bombay*' (great laughter)—and yet he did not bring an action for a libel implying that he was a sort of *libel* imputing to him. (Laughter.) Mr. Healy, M.P., who appeared for Mr. Harris, elected to take a new trial.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION.—One of the most interesting inventions at the great Paris Exposition was a 'métrotrope' containing three parts. About it a correspondent writes: 'I witnessed a game to which the first machine was electrically attached, and as I touched the keys a series of dots and dashes, representing the notes that I had played, were registered on a continuous strip of paper about six inches in width. After I had finished playing, the strip was run through the second machine, which cut out the dots and dashes, giving to the strip the appearance of the perforated paper used on mechanical organs.' The strip was then passed into the third machine, which was attached to the key-board of a piano. By merely turning a crank the strip was carried through the machine and reproduced the original exactly as it had been played. It is simply wonderful, and bears the same relation to instrumental music that the phonograph bears to the voice. If a celebrated performer should play for you, by connecting the machine to the piano you would be able, after your visitor had left, to reproduce it, understanding that the three machines can be purchased for £200 for the set. Music by all the celebrated organs can be purchased for the machines at about £250 a foot.'—*Evening Star, U.S.A.*

SPANISH FINANCE.—Advices from Madrid refer in terms of misgiving to the financial and political outlook. As regards the latter point, a break-up of the Sagasta Cabinet is believed to be impending, and in that case much anxiety will be felt respecting the selection of a successor to the present Finance Minister. It is evident that the local market is very sensitive to this important post should be committed to hands tainted in any way by declarations in favour of taxing the coupons. A policy set in the course of the example set by Italy and Austria would, at the same time, it would appear, that the financial resources of the Madrid Government are being strained. The Bank of Spain is said to have divested itself of its cash balances through recent purchases of gold in Paris and London, and consequently to have had recourse to credit operations in connection with a French syndicate in order to meet the January coupons. With this object, it is intimated, further borrowings will have to be resorted to. On the whole, it would seem that the financial policy of the Cabinet has been marked by a degree of suspicion which is viewed with distrust. Spain unquestionably possesses great resources of character, too, which could be rendered promptly available; but, before these can be done, she must hold out, says the *Money Market Review*, legitimate signs of confidence.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.—That the visit of the Cricketing, Boating, Tennis, and Billiards fellow-colonists from the Sunnyside is an historical event for our comparatively modern Colony.

That in former days the Straits and the Malay Peninsula not only owned allegiance to India, but looked to the big Indian empire as its more immediate neighbour.

That the early missionaries came from Malacca to Macao and China, but the commercial (not to say social) fellowship of Singapore was for many years turned almost entirely to the South.

That this is attributed by some to the removal of insurance facilities, and by others to a fear of temporary detention at the public expense.

That business losses have been sufficiently large among Chinese to suggest the fiery ordeal, and one can only suppose the Ordinance has 'had its effect.'

That it is greatly to be feared, however, that they brought with them some very broken weather, to the temporary inconvenience of all concerned.

That it is the fervent hope of every good citizen of this Colony that the stay of our Straits Visitors has been a pleasant one, and will remain a pleasant memory to both visitors and visited.

That the ups and downs and ups and downs of cricketing have been peculiarly illustrated, but that it can safely be said that the few days of healthful exercise and of friendly intercourse have been heartily enjoyed by players and spectators.

That the seemingly inexorable rule, that the visiting team must be defeated, was demonstrated in Shanghai not so long ago, and may now be accepted in a fairly philosophical spirit.

That Singapore has carried off the palm in billiards and in single sculls, while in good wishes and good fellowship both sides are about even all round.

That the progress of the cricketing contest showed that it would be dangerous for the reputation of the local team were the Straits cricketers to remain too long on the first occasion. The return match was altogether a more interesting contest than the first one, however, the improvement in the visitors' play being very marked.

The weather to-day was excellent, although in the morning it must have been rather cool for the visitors.

Play was resumed, to-day shortly after eleven o'clock, the Straits Team continuing their second innings, Birch and Talbot batting, with Coxon and E. W. Maitland bowling. Maitland's first over resulted in a single to Talbot's credit, the third ball from Coxon bringing him another. In the next over Talbot hit off Maitland into the Parade Ground for four, Birch soon afterwards sending one for the Hongkong Captain into the Pavilion for three, which was immediately followed by Talbot sending another from Maitland into Queen's Road for the same number. Forby was then up for two wickets, a result comparing very favourably with any of the Straits Team's previous performances. Birch had a very narrow escape at this point of being run out. The want of G. S. Coxon, whose place as wicket-keeper was taken by Campbell, cost Hongkong a few runs. Birch, after putting on 8, was smartly caught off Maitland (50—3—8). Fox then joined Talbot and signalled his arrival by hitting Coxon to the City Hall end of the field for three, following this up by sending Maitland to the Pavilion for the same number. The next big hit by Talbot off Coxon was very cleverly held by Sercombe Smith, who made a dashing run for the catch. E. O. Smith was then sent out to join Fox and immediately afterwards a ball from Maitland driven by Fox to the City Hall end was neatly caught by Ross. Birch then had a very narrow escape at this point of being run out. The want of G. S. Coxon was again sending another from the same bowler in the next over to the City Hall end of the field for the same number. Runs then began, to come rapidly and the century was put up with ease. Ross was caught by E. W. Maitland off Coxon, who had taken over the ball from Maitland at the City Hall end (100—9—5).

That it is fervently hoped we have not seen the last of the ever-verdant Sloper. That the *Columba* in pale yellow was so much superior to the other young person, that all the ladies were lost in admiration.

That some people improve so much by dressing, you know—and the Stage Manager advertised a new Columbine. That the local Chief of Police was not on the stage, although some of his well-known features were.

That it is generally believed this success which has 'come upon us' will lead Clayton to seek for further glory.

That the collapse of the Chinese Theatre, though fortunately not so disastrous as it might have been, has led people to ask when the P. W. D. were warned as to its rickety condition, and where the records are kept.

That one is puzzled whether to admit most the pluck of the shareholder, or the bravery of the 'fellow-colleague' at the Land Investment meeting.

That the Member for Manchester might have said his say, all the same, without being personal, or dragging in the aid of anonymous 'postors.'

That the doctrine of partnership as expounded at the said meeting has made a deep impression on the community of Hongkong.

That as a very general opinion has been held that the Hon. G. P. Chater was a sleeping partner, with one eye open, in the big firm of share operators referred to, it is reassuring for the public to be so emphatically told that his partner gets no knowledge from him with regard to the working of the Land Investment or any other Company.

That it has been hitherto supposed that any shareholder has a right to obtain knowledge as to the use being made of his money in any Company.

That many have believed, and still cling to the belief, that there is a great future before the Land Investment Company, spite of the fact that many residents have found the results as yet unequal to their expectations.

That the Reclamation Offices near the City Hall are almost completed, and were not that the Egg-spoon dredger is engaged on the spot in its painfully slow mud-scooping, one might expect soon to see a start made with the filling in of the foyers.

That perhaps the spoon-bill has been set to work to show how little damage it can do meadowhens.

That the public would be glad of a little information as to the mode of reclamation, as the Fever Commission has not re-assured us on the score of earth-cutting in the summer months.

That there has been much talk about providing an epidemic hospital ashore or afloat, with apparently little or no result, and if, after all, we are caught unprepared, there will be no one but General Routine to answer for it.

That it is said the Duke of Connaught looks upon Hongkong as a mere coaling station, and the unofficial Members of Council would do well to point out to His Royal Highness the vast Imperial interests comprehended in the proper defence of the Island.

That the lack of guns for our efficient defence ought to be strongly represented to the Royal visitor, and the free action of the fleet to scour the China Sea which such efficient defence of Hongkong would give, should be placed on the Royal Duke's note-book.

That the China New Year has never been known to pass with fewer fires.

That this is attributed by some to the removal of insurance facilities, and by others to a fear of temporary detention at the public expense.

That business losses have been sufficiently large among Chinese to suggest the fiery ordeal, and one can only suppose the Ordinance has 'had its effect.'

THE INTERPORT RETURN CRICKET MATCH.

This match, which was resumed to-day, resulted in another victory for the Hongkong C.O., the Club winning by eight wickets. The result could hardly be said to have ever been in doubt after the previous match, although it was fully expected that the Straits Team would be able to make a much better appearance than on the first occasion. The return match was altogether a more interesting contest than the first one, however, the improvement in the visitors' play being very marked.

The following is the score:—

STRAITS TEAM—2nd Innings.				
B. V. Dixley, & E. J. Coxon	11			
G. Higginbotham, & E. W. Maitland	6			
E. W. Birch, & Birch, Maitland	3			
E. G. Fox, & Coxon, Maitland	12			
E. O. Smith, & Sub. Maitland	6			
E. G. Fox, & Coxon, Maitland	8			
Mr. Letchford, & Smith	4			
George, & Coxon, Maitland	2			
E. W. Maitland, & Smith	2			
E. W. Maitland	10			
Extras	12			
	125			
HONGKONG—2nd Innings.				
B. V. Dixley, & J. Coxon	2			
J. Coxon, & Birch	10			
Capt. Davidson, & E. W. Maitland	21			
A. J. Ross, not out	3			
J. A. Lowen	11			
E. A. Ram	10			
H. Hutchison, not out	1			
E. W. Maitland	9			

